

21 September 1960

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Chief
Mediterranean Bureau, FBIS
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Dear Bob:

Subject: Soviet Regionals

My wire no WA 393 of 15 September gave you a specific answer to your letter of 31 August on coordination procedure for fall and winter coverage of Soviet regionals. This letter is intended to provide you with additional guidance on this subject.

The requirement for coordination with Headquarters, set forth in my letters of 6 June and 8 August, applies only to HEC requests for assumption of new, additional services by the Mediterranean Bureau, and not to existing coverage arrangements, nor to short-term, ad hoc arrangements, for which informational copies of requests and action taken suffice for Headquarters. The latter category could generally be described as those requests which can be handled within 24 hours.

The customary Mediterranean Bureau assumption of Soviet regional coverage in the fall and winter seasons is considered regular coverage procedure and thus does not belong in the "new, additional services" category mentioned above. You may continue it without change. No informational copies to Headquarters are required, since the semi-monthly coverage reports will keep us adequately informed.

Further on the subject of coverage coordination, I believe the minutes of future HEC-Mediterranean Bureau coordination meetings should be signed by the FBIS representative as in the past, but subject to approval by the Chief, FBIS. This is the same principle as is followed in the HEC-FBIS Coordination Committee, where the minutes of meetings are signed by the Chief, FBIS subject to approval of the Director, CIA.

Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

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21 September 1960

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London Bureau, FBIS
c/o American Embassy
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Dear Tom:

Subject: Coordination of Requirements

Attached is a copy of my letter of this date to [redacted]
regarding the above subject. I believe it answers in part
the questions posed in your letter of 1 September 1960.

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The suggestion in the penultimate paragraph of your
letter need not be rigidly applied to all HBC-MedBureau traffic.
It will suffice to apply it only to "new additional services"
as defined in my letter to Swanson. However, it is emphasized
that this is merely a clarification of my 6 June and 8 August
1960 letters--not a basic change in the position of this Head-
quarters.

Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

cc: Chief, MedBureau

Attachment: Letter to [redacted]

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